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PROGRESS AND THE BRIDGE

Columbia is standing at the crossroads.

A mass meeting tomorrow night is to discuss the selling of Columbia's share of stock in the Booneville bridge. Booneville has already raised \$330,000 toward the bridge. If Columbia backs the proposition heartily, its success is practically assured.

Everyone interested in a more prosperous city is of necessity interested in this meeting. The bridge offers the biggest opportunity this community has faced since it raised money to bring the University here.

The bridge will mean that the primary cross-state highway probably will come through Columbia. Federal and state money to the amount of half a million dollars will be spent in this county on that highway. The trickling streams of tourists, who now cross Missouri by several routes, will be funneled to the bridge through this town. Their trade, bringing more business and more prosperity, will make Columbia and Booneville the premier cities of Central Missouri.

To the individual investor, the bridge will return dividends probably exceeding 6 per cent. This calculation is based on the volume of traffic which has to cross the Missouri River and on the receipts of similar bridges at St. Charles and Jefferson City. It isn't every day a man is paid 6 per cent for making his own town a place where he can make money.

Good roads, increased business, a safe, paying investment—the bridge means all these to Columbia. Its failure is unthinkable. Whether it will succeed will be largely decided by the success of the mass meeting tomorrow night.

The success of the Community Club luncheon Friday indicates a possibility of further cementing the community together by regular weekly luncheons.

IS SHE REALLY DIFFERENT?

A volume of literature is being published in nearly every magazine in the country now on the "new-fashioned" girl, contrasting her with the girl of yesterday, sometimes favorably, but usually unfavorably. Comments are made on the boldness and forwardness of the girl of today, with illustrations of her lack of modesty and proper reserve.

But is she really different? She is independent and can take care of herself. She has learned to hold her own in a man's world, and has won the respect and admiration of men who believed her incapable of keeping pace with them. She no longer has to depend on others to supply her with the necessities as well as the luxuries of life. She is beginning to understand the world of politics and government and take an intense interest in the affairs of the Nation.

But at heart, the American girl is still essentially the same. She has only developed into a broader and more interesting personality by contact with a bigger world. However, she still retains her ideals of home, her love of romance, her love for all that is feminine and womanly.

When we look at her in an impartial light, not judging by a few exceptions, we find the American girl the same, and the new-fashioned girl merely a broader and more capable edition of the old-fashioned girl of yesterday.

MORE MISSOURI STORIES

Missouri's many excellent writers have given preference to their home state in selecting settings for their stories, but does not its almost unlimited possibilities as background deserve even more

THE DAY OF MEMORIES



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consideration? As a typical midwestern state, this section has not been overworked as have those of the East, South and West, and in its continued growth there is offered every opportunity for action.

Missouri also offers to the writer the advantages of a newer section; one whose customs and traditions are yet being molded, and whose characteristics are as distinctive and different as those of the other sections, though they may have resulted from a blending of the others. As a section where tourists do not as yet frequently linger, its typical life and peculiarities are not known by the people of the other sections. Its traditions also have yet to win the fame of those sections which have been immortalized by Bret Harte, Washington Irving and Thomas Nelson Page.

But Missouri's settings offer even more to the romancer. In variety they cannot be equaled. There are the broad valleys of the Missouri and Mississippi, the quiet beauty of the Ozarks and the city life of the two great metropolises of the Midwest. This wide range offers to every writer the expression of his individual taste.

Peace is co-operating with the other fellow; war is co-operating with yourself.

ELECTIONS—OR FRAUDS

As a result of the state Supreme Court's decision that primary election boards cannot be compelled to submit ballots or records of elections as evidence in fraud investigations, the State Legislature is now duty bound to give the public some protection in primaries and elections. Some safeguard must be thrown around the polls, lest elections be no longer the expression of the majority.

Election frauds have long existed in Missouri, especially in Kansas City and St. Louis. Primaries have too often been the tools of contriving politicians, but investigations cannot be held and the violators punished since the law has tried the hands of the courts.

Senator Proctor of Kansas City introduced a primary election law bill at the last session, making election frauds punishable as felonies and providing for other safeguards at the polls, but the bill was allowed to die on the calendar. Since Governor Hyde has indicated that other matters might be taken up at the special session besides road legislation, the Proctor Bill should be taken up and given passage. Prolonged discussion in either the House or the Senate would doubtless be unnecessary, for the bill

was well thrashed out during the last session. The bill could be disposed of quickly, and its passage would give the state a good law and the legislators a free conscience.

An optimist is a man who works for a pessimist.

ABOUT PERSONS

George is well known by many persons, although there are perhaps a few who have never made his acquaintance. Those who do not know him are indeed fortunate. He has no other name, but is known only as George.

His only virtue is that he usually attempts to do what is expected of him; but those who know him are never pleased with his work. He performs innumerable tasks but makes a botch of every job. In seeming to help, he hinders. He presents men from achieving success. It is so easy to rely on George that many fail to rely on themselves and become considered by society as persons not to be depended upon.

George is never ordered to do anything. "Let George do it," is the only way he is informed of a task to be done. The person who utters this indirect command usually feels a lightening of his own burdens, but when he sees the task which he has shirked, completed, he finds that George, the chief helper of Failure, has botched another job.

McBAINE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schubert visited in Jefferson City last week.

W. L. Tremaine went to Columbia Wednesday on business.

Ray Acton of Providence was a McBaine visitor Friday.

Mrs. R. E. Perkins of Providence visited relatives in McBaine last week.

J. S. Reed, Clarence Taylor, Uel Taylor and Clarence Taylor were Columbia visitors Wednesday.

Miss Eugie Sappington of Columbia is visiting relatives in McBaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Adams were Columbia visitors Wednesday.

William Woods has returned home from his visit in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed are visiting in St. Louis this week.

Mrs. Ruth Rader was a Columbia visitor Wednesday.

J. A. Belcher of Huntsdale was a McBaine visitor Thursday.

Real Estate Transfers

This transfer has been entered at the recorder's office: Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon G. Harman sold to J. W. Barnett, property on Fifth street, near Turner avenue, for \$5,500.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An ice cream social will be given Thursday evening, June 2, by the Wilkes Boulevard Epworth League on the church lawn. Ice cream, cake and pop will be served. Everybody welcome. Adv.

THE NEW BOOKS

"From Slave to Citizen."

"The negro problem will not be solved by repression, by injustice, by keeping the race in ignorance, but by an enlightening and just policy toward them, by recognizing their humanity, by training them to do their part, by developing the best elements of their nature, by according to them the rewards of thrift, uprightness, intelligence—in fine, treating them as members of the great family of men."

This unequivocal sentence expresses the attitude toward the negro taken by Charles M. Melden, president of New Orleans College, and for eighteen years an educational worker among negroes, in his book "From Slave to Citizen." In spite of his long service in the South, Mr. Melden fearlessly assails the southern attitude toward the negro. Injustice in social and legal discrimination, in disfranchisement and in mob law is not only non-Christian but also detrimental to the best interests of white and black alike, he believes.

He argues that mingling of the races is not prevented but only legalized, under existing conditions. The true way to prevent the evil is to educate the negro and to punish the white violator, he declares.

A quotation from Bishop W. P. Thirkield expresses his opinion upon enfranchisement:

"In my judgment it would open the way for the best interests of our entire Southland if the ever-enlarging group of educated, self-respecting, tax-paying negroes in each community could be encouraged to vote and have laid upon them the responsibilities of citizenship. In a democracy no large group representing millions, can be permanently disfranchised. A careful study of the situation leads me to believe that it is better to gradually place upon them the responsibility of suffrage so that a group of thoughtful, trained colored men shall be ready in the oncoming years to wisely and sanely lead their people."

Giving an account of the educated negroes he has known, Mr. Melden argues that education removes the very faults of which the whites complain most bitterly, and makes the negro a useful, intelligent and moral citizen. The great need of the race is leaders who are fit to lead. "They are blind leaders of the blind." Education to provide such leaders, together with a fair chance for the negro to develop as his abilities allow, is offered as a solution of the problem.

Startling in its freedom from race prejudice, the book will jar the mind of any man into thought. Whether the reader agree with Mr. Melden or not, he will have a clearer conception of the negro problem when he gets through reading.

(The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati; cloth; 271 pages; \$1.75.)

"Collected Plays."

The recent death of Stephen Phillips cut short a meteoric literary career, but his "Collected Plays," six in number, form no insignificant monument to make his memory live. The preface to the work is by Stephen Phillips, Jr., and is a fine tribute to his father's genius.

The English poet was little known to the world at large and this bringing together of his plays into one volume may help to increase the circle of his admirers. His poetic dramas may never be widely popular but they deserve

more attention than they have heretofore received.

The content of the plays reveals a wide range of power. The first "Aylmer's Secret," is the story of how a chemist created the body of a human being in his laboratory and endowed it with the essence of life. The creature broke away and became an outcast, returning at last to seek shelter from his creator and falling in love with the chemist's kind daughter, who showed him the first pity he had received. But Aylmer detests the result of his handiwork and is so cruel that the creature dies.

The other plays are "Ulysses," "The Sin of David," "Nero," "Faust," and "Pietro of Siena."

Abundant epic power is displayed in them. It seems that the judgment of the poet's son is a good one, that "although he was not the greatest of poets, he deserves a little niche, even a partially secluded one, in the eternal framework of immortality."

(The Macmillan Co., New York; cloth, \$3.50.)

CENTRALIA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartelmeu visited in Moberly Tuesday.

Word has been received that Miss Irene Wilson of Wray, Colo., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson of Centralia, is ill with smallpox.

Mrs. Stanley Ham and Miss Willie-metta Brown were Sturgeon visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wagner, Mrs. George Wagner, Mrs. Creed Lewis and Mrs. Will Jones went to Carthage, Ill., last Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wagner's father, J. S. Shipton.

Miss Lorene Masin has gone to her home in Kansas City for a visit with her mother who is in ill health.

A community memorial service was conducted at the Christian Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Odd Fellows and the post of the American Legion paid tribute to the soldiers buried here.

Mrs. Harry Rowland is visiting relatives at Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. Homer Pruitt and children are visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Miss Leona Hoffman has returned to her home in Springfield, Ill., after attending the funeral of her uncle, R. R. Roberts.

Mrs. R. A. Roddy has been visiting her son in Chattanooga, Tenn.

J. W. Noel and family of Moberly were in Centralia Tuesday.

Arthur Hulen of Moberly visited friends in Centralia last week.

ROCHEPORT NEWS

Mrs. Hazel Daron and Mrs. Karehn of Chicago, and Miss Mary Laxon of St. Louis, are visiting Miss Nannie Riggs and Mrs. Ben Kelly.

Miss Corine Dittrel of Chillicothe has been visiting friends in Rocheport.

The Rev. Mr. Whirworth will begin a series of meetings at the Methodist Church on June 12 at Rocheport. He will be assisted by the Rev. Mr. Dear of Kentucky.

Colby Bush of Rocheport celebrated his 64th birthday Sunday. He had forty-five guests who brought well-filled baskets of food for the occasion.

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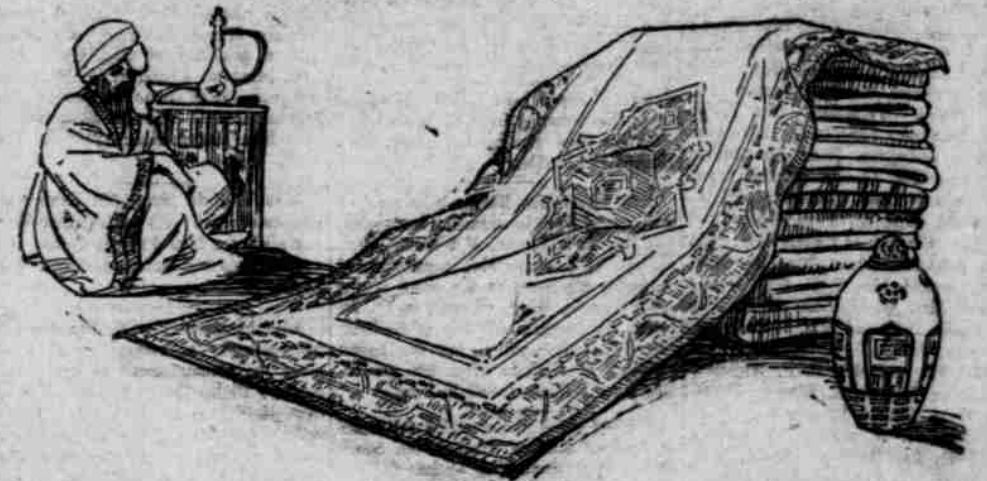
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